

Regular Town Board Meeting
February 16, 2011

Call to Order: The Regular Town Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor David Kaiser at 7:30 PM.

Roll Call: Supervisor David Kaiser Present
Councilman Robert Gerlach Present
Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr. Present
Councilwoman Barbara McCall Present
Councilman Kyle Collinsworth Present

Others Present: Town Clerk, Terry Smith
Highway Superintendent, Jim Williamson
Planning Board Chairperson, Kate Sinicropi
Planning Board Vice Chairperson, Tom Bouchard
Town Attorney, Steve Getman
Town Justice, Donald Greule
Residents 2

Pledge of Allegiance: followed by moment of silence. Supervisor Kaiser asked that we keep in mind and hearts the passing of Jim Steele, the Mayor of Romulus.

Approval of Minutes:

- a. January 19, 2011 Regular Town Board Meeting
Motioned: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Carried Unanimously

Communications to be filed:

- a. Time Warner Cable – attached
- b. State of New York Department of Health – attached
- c. American Farmland Trust – attached - They are asking us to support a resolution in the efforts to protect the farmlands in New York State.
- d. USDA - attached
- e. Seneca County Treasurer – attached
- f. Time Warner Cable – attached
- g. Seneca County Rabies Clinic – attached
- h. Franklin & Gabriel Law Office – attached
- i. NYS Deferred Compensation Board – attached
- j. Franklin & Gabriel Law Office – attached – The Cross Connections Law. We are being asked by the State to Adopt.

Assessor's Report – Nothing this month

Code Enforcement Officer – No report this month

Romulus Zoning Board: No Report this month.

Romulus Planning Board:

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes Attached
 - b. Seneca County Planning Board Agenda/Minutes – attached
- We had a meeting on February 7, 2011 with Barbara Johnson concerning the Farmland Protection Grant. The report is out on the Swat analysis that was done at the first workshop. We will be having another workshop on March 17, 2011 and we will be doing advertising for that. We also talked at length about our advisory board and being able to get together and we also still have a vacancy on the Planning Board.

The County Attorney directed Supervisor Kaiser to Mitch Rowe concerning the Music Festival that took place last September 2010 illegally. The county does have a ruling about mass gatherings law of their own. I spoke to David Hayes about our enforcement of this law because it is also against our zoning in the Town of Romulus. We agreed to wait till the weather gets better when we can do site visits. That will be put on hold for approximately one month. Mr. Bouchard spoke about the wind study program. Supervisor Kaiser told Mrs. Sinicropi that Bob Aaronson called this am on the wind study that is going to be conducted at the Seneca Depot for a wind mill farm. We shared the concerns of the planning board that they would like to be kept informed as the things are being developed at the Depot and not through the newspapers the next day. Mr. Bouchard said it was not just the wind mill but the conservation such as the white deer.

Mike Coia came to the Planning Boards meeting and talked about some of the Development stuff that he is doing. He is in the process of developing grape Seed oil. They are doing that at the experimental station in Geneva because of the hygiene requirements. They are selling that product in some of the wineries. He talked about some other comparable products with the use of residue from the local wineries. Jeff Warne from Top Quality Hay is able to sell his product through the Tractor Supply chain. The big problem they both are having is labor. They are able to get some of the migrant workers from the wineries. The only stayed long enough till the wineries needed them.

Highway Superintendent:

- a. Report attached
- b. Letter from Kore Stoltzfus – He is designated as an organic farm and we need to be careful spraying of weed control substances.
- c. Dumpster days dates and times -

Dog Control Office

- a. Dog report attached

Bookkeeper

- a. Report attached

Supervisor

- a. There is an agreement with the Beverly Animal Shelter for us to take. Mr. Getman and Aaron Covert had input into this contract to fit our town. We won't be using them right now as we take our dogs to Lollipop farm only if she can't give them away. We also will have the Shelter if we need them

We have Local Law for Cross Connection Control and Backflow Prevention Program to Protect the Public Water System of the Town of Romulus. Supervisor Kaiser announced that we received a Grant for Restore New York for \$750,000.00. This was originally awarded to us for work at the Depot. Empire State Development worked with the Town of Romulus to reprogram it. We were the only municipality in the State of New York to get our money saved like this. Empire State is really committed to the development of the Depot. It will be used for re-enhancing the transformer station on the Depot and make more use of the power that is coming in. It will also be used for building improvements.

Old Business: Councilman Robert Gerlach asked Supervisor Kaiser what was happening moving the garage to the Building on the Depot? Supervisor Kaiser asked the Highway Committee to discuss this and report back to him. Councilman Collinsworth wanted Supervisor Kaiser to get with the Supervisor of Varick to see about the pipe that is laying across the road in the Hamlet of Romulus near the post office. This is the 4 or 5th time the pipes have had to be dug up because of breaks. Supervisor Kaiser will look into this matter and talk with Butch Carroll.

Supervisor Kaiser made "a motion to enter into Executive Session with the Town Attorney Mr. Getman to ask questions and obtain legal advice regarding potential legal issues with contracts proposed to the Town." Seconded by Councilman Kyle Collinsworth. Carried Unanimously. Entered into executive session @8:00 PM. Supervisor made motion to exit the Executive Session at 8:15 PM. Seconded: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Carried Unanimously.

New Business:

Mr. Yehle just wanted to follow up on Budget Challenges and my offer to help at that time. You thought you were going to hook up with Bobby Hayssen and go from there. Mr. Yehle was also concerned about service with the South Seneca Ambulance as there were two towns that did not sign the new contract.

Quote on new meters for water for the Town of Romulus. We need some new meters as ours are quite outdated. We need to get 2 more quotes. The new meters can be just scanned. There will be a meeting next week with Butch Carroll and Peter McDonald from Varick. Anyone else is invited to attend. The Town Justice, Don Greule presented the Town Board with last years books And January's of 2011 for auditing. He will give them each month from now on so that it won't have to be done all at one time.

Councilman Ralph Walborn had questions concerning street lights at the entrance

to the Depot. Councilman Walborn has personally called about these lights. He wants to know when they are going to be repaired. This has been in the last 3 weeks. Supervisor Kaiser will follow up with Mary.

Huge trucks parking on Main Street. We have to inadvertently prevent illegitimate use from happening. Roy Gates, County Highway Superintendent, will get with Suzanne restricting trucks on County Roads. It is a parking law not Zoning.

Dumpster Days – dates are May 19-20, 2011 from 6:30am – 4:30 pm and May 21, 2011 from 6 am to 12noon. And October 6-7 2011 6:30 am – 4:30 pm and October 8, 2011 from 6am – 12 noon. Superintendent Williamson will check prices with 3 different companies. One is Morgan, the other two are Freher and Cassella to see who gives us the best price. We should publicize the County's Hazard Waste Day in October more even if it is only in our own town via a Newsletter.

Mr. Coon, resident of Town of Romulus, wanted to know about washing the streets down after all the snow has melted. He wanted the small stones taken care of so they won't be tracked into his house. Mr. Williamson said that they have a broom that they use to sweep the streets with. Mr. Coon also wanted to know how often the water meters in the residences were checked for accuracy. Supervisor Kaiser told Mr. Coon that if he had a problem, the water department would come and check it out.

The parking question with trucks can be regulated but you may need permission from the state or the county. Attorney Steve Getman will check into this matter and advise the supervisor.

Resolutions:

Authorize Purchase of Cold Planer

Resolution #14-11

Motioned: Supervisor David Kaiser

Seconded:

Hearing no seconds – Motioned was tabled

Authorize Supervisor to Sign Beverly Animal Shelter Agreement

Resolution #15-11

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach

Seconded: Supervisor David Kaiser

Carried Unanimously

Verification of Payables

Resolution #16-11

Motioned: Councilman Kyle Collinworth

Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall

Carried Unanimously

Authorize Town Clerk to Sign Waiver

Resolution #17-11

Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth
Carried Unanimously

Resolution urging the New York State Legislature to Support the
Farmland Protection Program and Environmental Protection Fund.
Resolution #18-11
Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach
Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Carried Unanimously

Authorize Town Clerk to Advertise
Resolution #19-11
Motioned: Councilwoman Barbara McCall
Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Carried Unanimously

Approve the Docks & Mooring Contract for Supervisor to Sign for Grant
Resolution #20-11
Motioned: Councilman Robert Gerlach to have Roll Call Vote
Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Roll Call: Councilman Robert Gerlach No
Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr. No
Councilwoman Barbara McCall No
Councilman Kyle Collinsworth No
Supervisor David Kaiser No

Town Clerk Report:

- a. Report attached
Motioned: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth
Seconded: Councilwoman Barbara McCall
Carried Unanimously

Meeting Adjourned:

Motioned: Councilwoman Barbara McCall
Seconded: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr.
Carried Unanimously